

Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes

03/12/2017

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Doug Benevento RA	X	Suzanne Bohan ARA ECEJ	X	K.C. Schefski RC		Jeffrey Martinez CID	
Deb Thomas DRA	X	Kim Opekar DARA ECEJ	X	Brian Joffe Deputy RC	X	Lance Ehrig CID	
Patrick Davis, Sr. Advisor (phone)		Andrew Mutter Dir OCPI		Elyana Sutin Dep RC	X	Pat Gilbride IG	
LR Coord. (vacant)		Libby Faulk, OCPI	X	Darcy O'Connor ARA OWP	X		
RA Advisor Rep(s) Al Basile	X	Martin Hestmark ARA OPRA	X	Bert Garcia DARA OWP	X	Natasha Davis (Guest)	X
		Carl Daly DARA OPRA	X	Rick Buhl ARA TMS	X		
		Betsy Smidinger ARA EPR	X	Patrice Kortuem DARA TMS	X		
Diane Moon, Recorder	X	Sandy Stavnes DARA EPR	X				

- Special Guest – Natasha Davis – Special Emphasis – Federal Women’s Program
 - Handout – newsletter for March
 - March is Women’s History Month
 - Shared Upcoming events/speakers for March 29
 - April 10 is “Equal Pay Day.”
 - Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Special Emphasis Program is restarting. Karen Hamilton will be champion. Looking for staff volunteers to be program manager
- Special Topic – Al Basile – New Science Advisor
 - Al has been in the Region for 8 years.
 - He is reviewing RARE proposals with an R8 team of 6. They are due to the RA by Monday
 - He will be working with ARAs to set research priorities.
- RA/DRA Updates
 - RA
 - Will be scheduling a Bonita Peak meeting with the state in the next couple of weeks. Albert Kelly will be coming to Region 8 for the meeting.
 - Have a call with the Administrator tomorrow.
 - Will be traveling to SLC 3/13 for meetings 3/14-16.
 - DRA
 - Reminder: All Hands Meeting tomorrow at 2:30. Please encourage staff to attend.
 - Permit backlog data for bowling chart is due 3/14.
 - Sent a Draft Lead Strategy email late last week. Will focus on the next steps for finalizing strategy. Please recommend designees for the work group by COB today.
- Round Robin
 - Rick
 - TMS still working on the new conference lines. It has been determined that the “local” call in number works better than the “202” numbers. TMS will be sending out information regarding the local call in number. There was a “no notice” property inspection last week Region 8 received zero write ups.
 - GSA representative will visit for a meet and greet this afternoon.
 - Wind River – Tribes reached out to ORC and will be forming a joint government council.
 - Patrice
 - The upgrade to our anti-virus will be loaded 3/13. You will need to turn off and restart your computer once it uploads.

- Sandy
 - The Forest Service Tenmile-South Helena Project FEIS comment letter will be provided for Doug/Deb review this week.
 - There was a briefing to the RA on Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante last week. Public meetings will be occurring March 29 and the scoping comment period will be extended until April 11.
 - There are two draft letters on NEPA out for Doug's review. They are due today.
- Betsy
 - We had a Bonita Peak team meeting this morning and are working on a draft order; OECA's Susan Bodine will be briefed on the draft order.
 - We should have the Bonita Peak Water Treatment Plan by the end of this week.
 - Discussion of the organization of a new Silverton committee interested in innovations in mining.
 - EPR and ECEJ will be meeting with Gary Baughman CDPHE on 3/13.
 - Superfund update – stakeholders (Christine O'Connor, Joan Seaman, Bridget Walsh) are engaged in the expansion of I-70 project and might call in regarding our Superfund work at VB-I70. Refer them to Jennifer Chergo in OCPI.
- Libby
 - Patrick Davis is currently attending a Colorado Smelter meeting in Pueblo.
 - Several meetings are occurring this week on Superfund sites
 - The Rapid City Journal might run the story on Guilt Edge.
 - Update on property clean-up near the Colorado Smelter.
- Suzanne
 - Mediation is scheduled tomorrow and Wednesday (3/14) with Saratoga Springs Home Owners Association
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- Darcy
 - The Draft Lead Action Plan was sent to the other RAs last Friday (3/9). The drinking water portion was shared with R8 State Water Directors and drinking water leads.
 - OWP me with OCPI last Friday to discuss the communication strategy for the lead action plan.
 - Moving forward on the Southern Ute Tribe TAS approval. The final package will route by the end of this week.
 - HQ OW is finalizing the NDIC Class VI rule package and will let the region know when it is routing.
 - OWP has a Meridian meeting today at 1:00.
- Brian
 - Materials will be prepared for the RA for his opening remarks to the Tribal attorneys during the RTOC meetings.
- Elyana
 - The Gold King Mine NM cases have been stayed.
- Carl
 - The U&O FIP is routing through HQ – OEQPS currently has it.
 - OPRA will meet with the MHA Chairman Wednesday (3/14) at 9 am, regarding potential projects around the refinery.

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- Periodic updates on MOUs will be routed to the RA/DRA to review prior to going out to the states.
- Report from Deputies
 - Patrice
 - Discussion this week will include the new Office 365, Regional Delegations, the ND Name Change, one personnel item, and new Intern hours.
- RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS/REMINDERS
 - Reminder: Federal Women's Program will have an event on March 29.
 - Permit backlog data for bowling chart is due 3/14.
 - Ask staff for volunteers for WISE Program Manager.
 - Please use the "local" call in number for the new conference lines.
 - The upgrade to our anti-virus will be loaded 3/13. Restart computers.
 - Refer callers inquiring/commenting about the I-70 expansion project to Jennifer Chergo in OCPI